

Needham Youth Services

Youth Commission Meeting Notes

November 12, 2014

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 9/10/2014; November Department Report; FY 2014 Statistics; FY 2014 Annual Report; Memo from the Town Manager dated 9.9.2014; Memo from the Town Manager dated 10.10.2014; %th Annual Middle School Parenting Conference Flyer.

- **Accepted Minutes of 9/10/2014**

- **Fiscal Year 2016 Update**

Members were updated regarding our meeting with the Town Manager, Assistant Town Managers, and Finance Committee representative. The next step in the process is meeting with the full Finance Committee (date to be announced)

- **New Part-Time Social Worker Position**

Updated members regarding this vacancy.

- **Community Focus**

Discussed the budgetary merging Human Services with the Health Department.

- **Staff Sharing**

The staff discussed issues that they were identifying in youth (e.g. anxiety), the impact of influences like the Internet, and how homework is impacting youth and families.

- **Programs/Services Update:**

- Update on A Conversation...Workshops; next workshop is slated for 11/18.
- Update on QPR; next training is scheduled for early December.
- RAY of hope continues months; members are encouraged to visit the website.
- Winter Brochure; will be available in the next month.
- Middle School Parenting Conference; upcoming on Saturday 11/22 (and is sold out).
- Presented at the School Committee Meeting with Student Representatives 11/3.
- Congrats to Maria Papantoniou on her one year anniversary at Youth Services.
- Update on Peer Tutor Program; things are going well.
- Update on Diversity Summit.
- Update on the Domestic Violence Action Committee; Take Back The Night Program.
- Update on Make A Statement Day; Met with school liaison and program slated for March.
- Update on the Youth Resource Network; taking shape, more info in the month ahead.
- Update on the VIP Program; training was held for "bigs" and program starts this month.
- Update on the Forde Award; 2015 recipient will be Louise Condon.

- **Old/New Business**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 5:30 pm

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, Kevin Keane, Regina Longley, Susan Patkin, Sonia Raja, and Vin Springer
Members Absent:	David Bookston
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, and Liz Loveless